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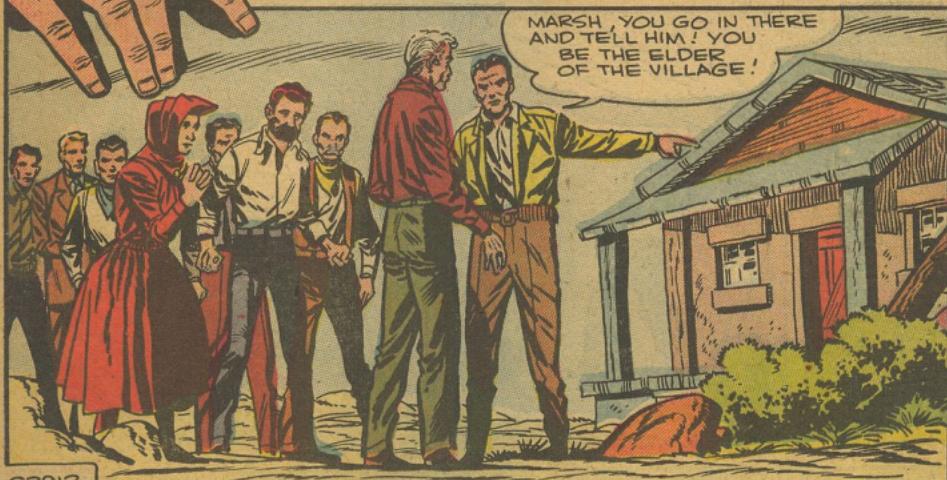
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THIS STRANGE STORY I FOUND WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH THE BACKWOODS ARKANSAS SWAMP COUNTRY! DROUGHT HAS COME TO THE VILLAGE OF SWAMP FORKS, THE CROPS WITHER ON THE VINE, THE SWAMP HAS DRIED UP AND MOSQUITOS, LIKE SAVAGE TINY DEMONS, CLOUD THE HOT SKY! LISTEN NOW TO MY TALE FOR IN ALL MY TRAVELS I HAVE NEVER KNOWN ONE STRANGER.

# THE DAY OF THE ANGELS!



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THE ELDER  
KNOCKED  
AND WAS  
BIDDEN  
"ENTER!"



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MIRACLE? BOSH, NON-SENSE! WON'T BE A PARTY TO SUCH FIDDLE -DE- DEE! GO AWAY AND LET ME READ! CAME HERE FOR PEACE, TO STUDY, READ! THAT'S WHAT I WANT! GOODBYE!

HE GONNA? NOPE! WE FOLK GOTTA DO OUR OWN MIRACLE WISHIN', BEST GET AT IT!



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AGAIN THE  
PEOPLE  
SEEING  
THIS, PUT  
THEIR  
HEADS  
TOGETHER!

COOT IS A  
EVIL OL' MAN  
AS WE ALL  
KNOW! ONLY  
THE DEVIL'S  
DISCIPLE  
WOULD HELP  
HIM!

I DON'T AGREE! A  
TRUE ANGEL  
OF THE LORD  
WOULD HELP  
ALL! EVEN THE  
EVIE AN'  
DOWNTRODDEN!

MAKE'S SENSE! 'SIDES,  
DEVIL'S DISCIPLE  
WOULD LOOK  
CLEAN AND PURE  
TO FOOL US! AN'  
WHITE SURE HAS  
AN ANGELIC LOOK,  
ALL WHITE AND  
BLONDE-LIKE!

I THINK  
THE  
ELDER'S  
RIGHT,  
TOO!



SHUT  
YOUR  
MOUTH,  
PHOGBE!  
THIS  
HERE'S  
MAN  
TALK!

THIS HERE'S FOR ALL  
SWAMP FOLK! IT  
SEEMS WE ALL  
AGREE BLACK IS  
TRUE ANGEL! WE  
GOTTA TAKE A  
CHANCE 'CAUSE WE  
GOTTA HAVE  
RAIN!



I CAN'T STAY HERE  
FOREVER! THERE  
ARE OTHER FOLKS  
WHO NEED THE  
SERVICES OF THE  
ANGEL OF THE  
LORD! I'M GOING  
TO DO THE JOB  
I WAS SENT  
TO DO!

WELL, LET US  
WORK TOGETHER  
AND GET THE  
JOB DONE!



I'M A BIT SICK  
OF THIS! I'M  
GOING TO  
BRING RAIN!

WAIT NOW,  
WHITE! DON'T  
YOU PLAY NO  
DEVIL'S  
TRICKS  
WITH US!



AND THE MEN  
TRIED TO  
STOP WHITE!  
BUT AN IN-  
VISIBLE  
BARRIER  
SEEMED TO  
HAVE BEEN  
RAISED AND  
THE PEOPLE  
WERE THRUST  
BACK!



RAIN! RAIN!  
COME DOWN  
ON THIS  
VILLAGE!

RAIN! RAIN.  
COME DOWN!  
RAIN! I CALL  
TO YOU! COME  
DOWN!



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LORDY, NOW WE BE IN A FIX! WE'LL BE FLOODED AND OUR CROPS WASHED AWAY!

COME RAIN!

THERE WAS THUNDER AND LIGHTNING SUCH AS MAN HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE -- AND THE RAIN CAME!

AND A CLAP OF THUNDER SO TERRIBLE IT WAS LIKE THE SOUND OF DOOM! A SHAFT OF SUNLIGHT PIERCED THROUGH THE RAIN AND A VOICE THUNDERED FROM THE CLOUDS!

RETURN YE BOTH TO ME! THOU HAS DELIVERED THE PEOPLE AND YOUR JOB IS DONE! THROUGH MISTAKE YOU WERE BOTH SENT FROM HEAVENLY QUARTERS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE!

LET THIS THEN BE A LESSON TO YOU BOTH, THAT EVEN AN ANGEL OF THE LORD CAN BE DOUBTED! RETURN!

AND THEY WALKED AWAY SIDE BY SIDE BLACK AND WHITE, AS THOUGH ASCENDING A HIDDEN STAIRCASE, AND SO THEY DISAPPEARED



AND SO THE VILLAGERS CAME AGAIN TO THE LEARNED MAN'S HOME. THE ELDER TOLD HIM ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED!



NONSENSE! MASS HALLUCINATION! IT WAS GOING TO RAIN SO IT RAINED! MUST GET BACK TO MY BOOKS! GOODBYE!



# The Man who Saw Again

NOTHING IS UNKNOWN TO THE MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER -- NEITHER THE FARTHERMOST REACHES OF EARTH, NOR THE INNERMOST RECESSSES OF MEN'S HEARTS. I GO EVERYWHERE... AND I SEE ALL!



AND I WAS THERE THIS TIME TOO WHEN THE UNBELIEVABLE OCCURRED! I WAS WATCHING IN THE SHADOWS WHEN...



I'M NOT BLIND ANY MORE!  
AFTER ALL THESE  
YEARS...  
AT LAST  
I CAN SEE  
AGAIN!



WHAT  
HAPPENED?

I DON'T KNOW! THE BLIND MAN  
FELL... AND ALL OF A SUDDEN  
HIS SIGHT'S BEEN RESTORED!



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BUT I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!  
AND NOW YOU SHALL KNOW  
TOO!

I CAN SEE!  
I CAN SEE!

BLINDED AS THE RESULT OF  
AN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT,  
HOW ELSE COULD MAC  
THOMPSON EARN A LIVING?

THANK YOU, SIR!  
THANK YOU!

AND ONLY A MAN WITH THE  
ACUTE HEARING THAT THE  
BLIND ALWAYS DEVELOP TO  
COMPENSATE FOR THEIR  
LACK OF VISION, COULD HAVE  
HEARD WHAT MAC THOMPSON  
HEARD EARLIER TODAY...

HMM... SOUNDS LIKE FOOT-  
STEPS! BUT SO TINY! IT'S  
SOMETHING SMALLER THAN A  
MOUSE... BUT WEARING  
SHOES!

ONLY HE COULD HAVE HEARD THE FAINT  
BUT FRANTIC WHISPER COMING FROM THE  
ENDLESS BLACK OF HIS BLINDNESS...

HIDE ME!  
PLEASE HIDE ME!  
THEY'RE COMING  
AFTER ME!

IT--IT'S A TINY MAN! HE'S STANDING ON  
MY SHOULDER... WHISPERING IN MY EAR!

SUN'S SO HOT HERE! M-MAYBE  
I'M SUNSTRUCK... M-MAYBE I'M JUST  
HEARING THINGS!

PLEASE...  
PLEASE HIDE  
ME!

COULD HE TRUST HIS SENSES OF HEARING  
AND TOUCH? IT WOULD BE SO EASY TO  
TAKE REFUGE IN DISBELIEF... AFTER ALL,  
THE TINY BEING, IF IT EXISTED, WAS BEING  
PURSUED BY SOME ENEMY! WHY SHOULD  
HE EXPOSE HIMSELF TO NEEDLESS DANGER?

PLEASE...  
PLEASE...

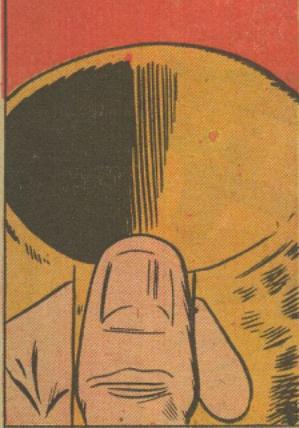
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BUT MAC THOMPSON CHOSE TO BELIEVE... HE CHOSE TO GRANT REFUGE TO THE LITTLE FUGITIVE...

SHHH!  
HOP INTO  
MY CUP!



A SPLIT-SECOND LATER HE THOUGHT HE HEARD THE FAINTEST OF THUDS ON THE HANKIE FOLDED OVER THE BOTTOM OF HIS TIN CUP...



AND THEN...

MORE OF THOSE FOOTSTEPS... A BUNCH OF TINY MEN! THEY'RE COMING CLOSER!



THEY'RE NOT PASSING BY!  
TH-THEY'RE HEADING  
FOR ME NOW!



WHEW! FALSE ALARM!  
THEY WENT BY, AFTER ALL!

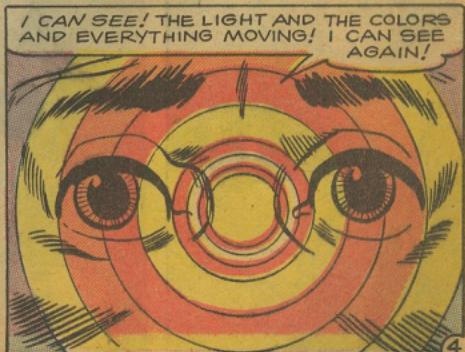
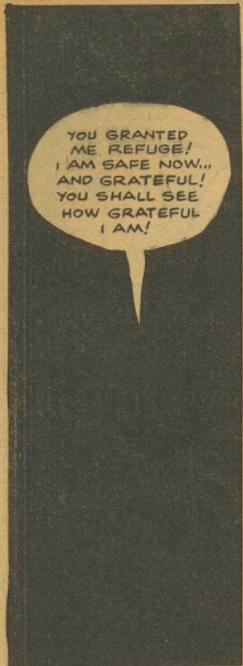


THE DANGER HAD PASSED,  
AND NOW...

HE'S JUMPED OUT OF  
THE CUP! HE'S CLIMBING  
UP ON MY SHOULDER AGAIN!



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SOMEONE HAD CALLED AN AMBULANCE! A YOUNG INTERNE SPOKE UP...



THE SHOCK OF THE FALL JARRED THE DAMAGED OPTIC NERVE! IT SNAPPED IT BACK INTO PLACE!

SURE.., SURE!



THAT'S ALL THAT HAPPENED! IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THAT OTHER STUFF! THAT WAS JUST-A CRAZY DREAM  
... THAT'S ALL!



YOU WON'T BE NEEDING THIS CUP ANY MORE!



IT WAS THEN THAT MAC THOMPSON'S FACE WRITHED IN A GRIMACE OF SHOCK! FOR NOW HE KNEW WHY HIS VISION HAD BEEN RESTORED!

NOW HE WAS STARING AT WHAT I, THE MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER, SEE EVERY DAY!

AN IMPRINT... LEFT BY A TINY BODY... ON MY HANDKERCHIEF!



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THE VILLAGE OF BAMAKO, IN THE SOUTH AMERICAN JUNGLE WAS PROBABLY THE MOST ISOLATED SPOT ON EARTH, WHICH MADE IT A PERFECT HIDING PLACE FOR HAL GRIMES, WANTED BY THE POLICE FOR AN UNSUCCESSFUL BANK HOLDUP IN NEW YORK! BUT GRIMES WAS TO DISCOVER THAT A GOLDEN IDOL COULD BE AS RELENTLESS A FOE AS THE LAW AUTHORITIES!

# DELUGE!



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THE FOOD WAS THE WORST GRIMES HAD TASTED, BUT WHEN A MAN'S TRAVELED FAR AND IS HUNGRY, HE CAN'T BE TOO PARTICULAR...



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HEE! HEE!  
PLAYING CAGEY,  
EH? NOBODY  
WOULD COME  
TO THIS FOR-  
SAKEN PLACE,  
UNLESS HE WAS  
AFTER THE  
GOLDEN IDOL!  
IT'S WORTH A  
FORTUNE! IT'S  
EYES ARE TWO  
BIG DIAMONDS!

A FORTUNE? YOU  
INTEREST ME, FRIEND!  
TELL ME MORE!

THE INDIANS  
OF SETZUAN  
ARE ABLE  
TO CONTROL  
RAINFALL,  
GETTING  
JUST THE AMOUNT  
NEEDED FOR  
THEIR FOOD  
CROPS... THEIR  
GOLDEN IDOL  
DOES THE TRICK  
FOR THEM...

"WHEN THEY WANT THE RAIN TO  
STOP THEY COVER THE IDOL  
WITH A SACRED CLOTH... AND  
SURE ENOUGH, THE RAIN  
STOPS..."

NOBODY'S BEEN  
ABLE TO GET  
THAT IDOL  
AWAY FROM  
THE NATIVES!  
THEY GUARD IT  
DAY AND  
NIGHT!

IN THAT  
CASE, I'D  
BETTER STAY  
CLEAR OF IT  
MYSELF, FRIEND!

I WAS LUCKY TO GET  
THIS FAR AWAY FROM  
THE POLICE... I'M NOT  
GONNA RISK MY LIFE  
AMONG SOME LOCO  
SUPERSTITIOUS NATIVES!



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AS THE WEEKS PASSED, HAL GRIMES' SMALL FUNDS WENT FAST, AND THE DREARY LIFE IN BAMAKO WAS BEGINNING TO TELL ON HIS NERVES.

IF ONLY I COULD GET MY HANDS ON SOME MONEY, I'D LEAVE THIS HOLE FAST!

YEAH...THE GOLDEN IDOL OF SETZUAN! THE DIAMOND EYES ALONE WOULD MAKE ME A RICH MAN!

TWO DAYS LATER, GRIMES SET OUT ALONE IN THE DIRECTION OF SETZUAN, HIS GREED OVERCOMING CAUTION AND FEAR OF THE NATIVES...



HE WAITED UNTIL NIGHTFALL, AND THEN, IN THE LIGHT OF A FULL MOON, HE MADE HIS WAY SILENTLY TO THE NATIVE TEMPLE...

THEY'RE ALL ASLEEP! THIS SHOULD BE EASY!

THE GOLDEN IDOL...UNDER THAT EMBROIDERED CLOTH!

HO! WHAT YOU DO IN SACRED TEMPLE? A GUARD! GOTTA MOVE FAST, BEFORE HE WAKES THE WHOLE VILLAGE!



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AND THEN, THE HURRICANE WINDS THREW GRIMES INTO THE SWOLLEN RIVER...

MOMENTS LATER, A RIVER LAUNCH PICKED UP THE FUGITIVE...

THANKS, FRIEND! I THOUGHT I WAS FINISHED FOR SURE!



Y-YOU'RE POLICE OFFICERS!

YES... WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR A MAN WANTED BY THE AMERICAN POLICE! IT SEEMS WE HAVE FOUND HIM... SENOR GRIMES!



AND WHAT OF THE GOLDEN IDOL? THE FLOOD HAD RETURNED THE STOLEN CANOE TO ITS OWNERS, AND...

ONCE AGAIN, THE SACRED CLOTH WAS PLACED OVER THE GOLDEN IDOL OF THE RAIN GOD OF SETZUAN...



THE SKIES CLEARED, AS IF BY A MIRACLE! AS THE SUN ROSE, THERE WAS NO SIGN OF WIND OR RAIN...



THE END

# Is the Moon Made out of G.C.?

At present the main topic of discussion everywhere is a four lettered word that spells "Moon." No matter where you go you will hear the topic as though it were the only thing in the world.

You enter your favorite restaurant and start to order grapefruit, chicken soup, and veal. You also want French fried potatoes and green peas. Why? You are hungry. But the waiter isn't writing down your order. He is bothered.

"What is the Moon made of?" he asks you.

Unless you give him a correct and sensible answer you may starve to death. Then you go outside. You are in a hurry. So you wave your hand for a taxi. Six come right up to you but you take the first one.

"2398 Grand Avenue. House is on the southeast side. Brown bricks."

But does he quickly shift into high and start for the destination you gave him? Not at all. There is a peculiar look on his face. Definitely, he like millions of other human beings is worried.

"What is the Moon made of?" he says softly.

Again you face this situation. Unless you give him a correct and sensible answer, you can remain in that cab for the next two or three hundred years.

What are you to do? You walk into a store. You want to buy a box of candy. So you speak to the charming female clerk.

"The big box of candy on the left, please."

But she doesn't hear a word you said. Sixty three customers were in the store before you. They also gave orders. But she just returned a blank look with the repeated question.

"What is the Moon made of?"

This could go on forever. The entire economic activity of the country might come to a standstill. We are curious people. We want to know a lot of things. So I thought it might not be a bad idea if I went to the great expert on Moonology, Professor Henrichesker Muglosfussky.

Through mutual friends an appointment was made. I explained the purpose of this visit. He was very kind. In four minutes he told me everything. But he can speak at the rate of fifty sentences a second. So I got hold of a tape recorder. He spoke into it and then I slowed it down in order to understand what he said. Here follows his exact words. The commas

and periods are my contribution to this masterpiece:

"Years ago every little school boy and school girl was taught something about the Moon. They learned that the Moon was made out of Green Cheese. In some instances, the little boys learned the following Moon Poem:

If you take one look,  
Away from your book,  
Use your right eye,  
Peep into the sky,  
You will see right there,  
Enjoying the fresh air,  
A big round green Moon,  
You can eat with your spoon.

"This is a very important bit of evidence. For you can at once see the basic implication in it. The Moon was made of something you could eat. But what was the substance? We discovered that the little girls learned the following Moon Poem:

The Moon is made of Green Cheese,  
The Odor is carried by the Breeze,  
And you get a big appetite,  
Want some cheese tonight?  
It is very expensive to buy,  
So please don't you cry,  
Go home and get a big spoon,  
We will all eat up the Moon."

So definitely, somehow there was an idea that the Moon was made out of cheese. I have traced both poems to the work of one Ludwiger Nunsence who lived about the year 1832. Fortunately his library has been preserved in his home town. I visited it and found his original manuscript with many notations on it. From this I learned that he was told the Moon was made out of Green Cheese by one Robert Desmoulin who claimed he visited the Moon in the year 1827.

This Robert Desmoulin visited all the big cities in Europe. He offered for sale a delicious cheese which was known as "Green Cheese from the Moon." However a bitter argument sprung up among the cheese people. Was it not possible that there were other kinds of cheeses on the Moon?

From what I can gather, this Robert Desmou-





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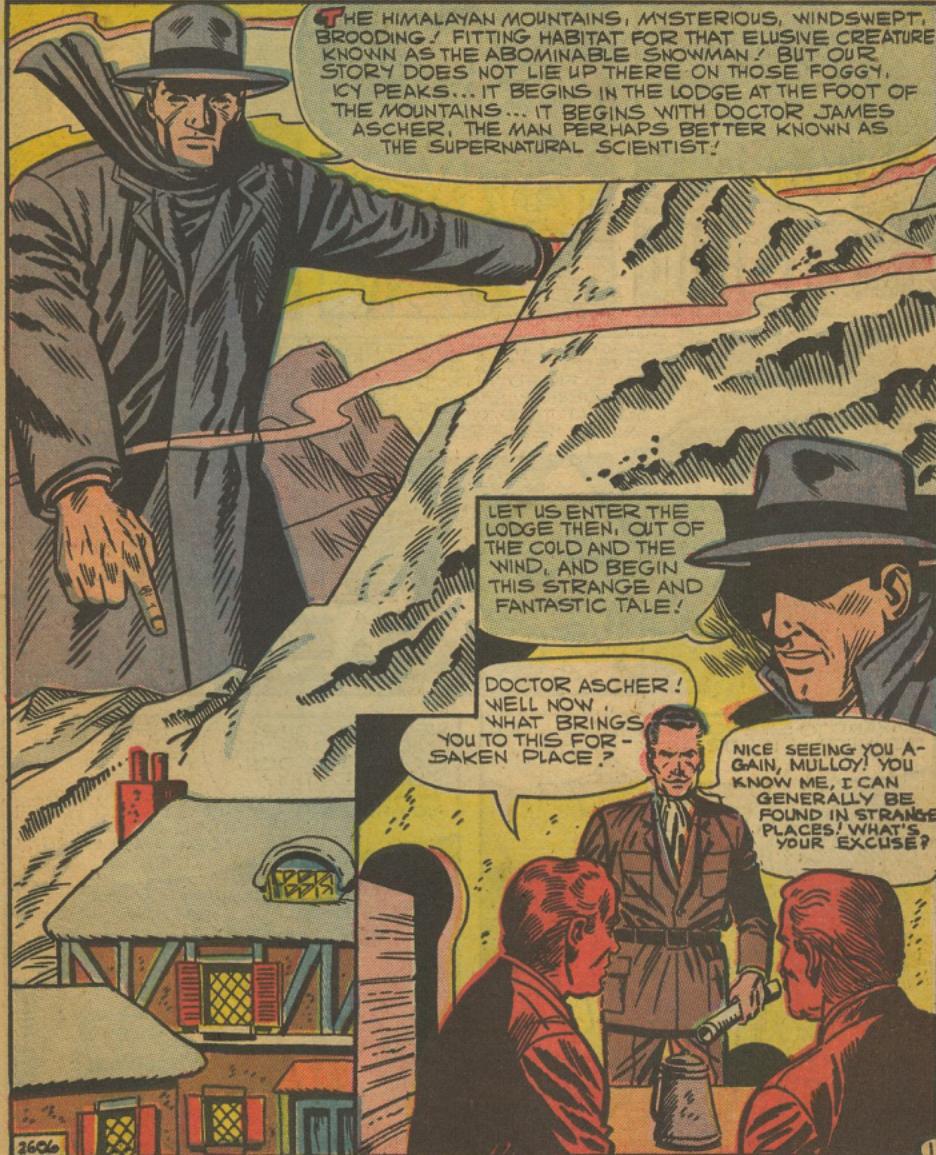
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Tales of the MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER

# SHADY AND SUBSTANCE

THE HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINS, MYSTERIOUS, WINDSWEPT, BROODING! FITTING HABITAT FOR THAT ELUSIVE CREATURE KNOWN AS THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN! BUT OUR STORY DOES NOT LIE UP THERE ON THOSE FOGGY, ICY PEAKS... IT BEGINS IN THE LODGE AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAINS... IT BEGINS WITH DOCTOR JAMES ASCHER, THE MAN PERHAPS BETTER KNOWN AS THE SUPERNATURAL SCIENTIST!



# Tales of the MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER

ENGINE TROUBLE! OUR CAR BROKE DOWN ABOUT A MILE FROM HERE! OH, MILES, THIS IS THE GENTLEMAN I WAS SPEAKING OF, DR. JAMES ASCHER, THE SUPERNATURAL SCIENTIST! Y'KNOW, THE CHAP WHO INVESTIGATES SUPER-NATURAL PHENOMENA AND FINDS A SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION FOR IT!



AS A MATTER OF FACT I AM! I'M LOOKING FOR A CHAP I KNOW, FREDERICK STONE!

OH, YES, THE FELLOW WHO DIS-APPEARED! WEALTHY, POWERFUL MAN, WASN'T HE? SAW IT IN THE NEWSPAPERS!

I MUST GET THAT DEUCED CAR WORKING AGAIN! MIGHT RUN INTO THAT MYTHICAL ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN IF WE STAY HERE, EH 'WHAT'?



I WANT TO SEE YOU ALONE! IT'S VITALLY IMPORTANT!

I'LL GO, SIR!



# Tales of the MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER

IT BEGAN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO! IT WAS IN THE MORNING. I WAS SHAVING...



YES, FREDERICK STONE WAS SHAVING WHEN HE SAW THE SHADOW THAT BLURRED HIS FACE IN THE MIRROR...



BUT AS THE DAYS PASSED, THE SHADOW BECAME EVEN DARKER! CHANGING LIGHTS DID NO GOOD, THAT OTHER SHAPE ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED HIS MIRRORED IMAGE!

IT... IT MUST BE MY EYES! I'LL SEE AN OCCULTIST TOMORROW!



THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH STONE'S EYES! THE FIGURE BECAME INCREASINGLY STRONGER, LIKE A SECOND SELF!



...AND SO I CAME TO YOU! IT'S HAPPENING MORE FREQUENTLY NOW! I CAN FEEL THIS... THIS THING TAKING HOLD! I... I CAN FEEL IT NOW, COMING ON... A STRANGE PSYCHOLOGICAL MANIFESTATION FOR A MAN LIKE THIS!



THEN IT HAPPENED! NO, STONE'S MIND HAD NOT CONCEIVED THIS THING, IT WAS ACTUALLY, THE OTHER SELF APPEARED BEFORE DOCTOR ASCHER'S VERY EYES!

AMAZING! ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE!



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# THE VISION CAKE

HIGH IN THE BANARIAN ALPS ITS LIGHTS SHINING INTO THE COLDNESS OF THE NIGHT. THE ORPHANAGE SITS IN IT ARE MANY LITTLE CHILDREN, WHOSE PARENTS HAVE LEFT THIS VALE OF TEARS! BUT WE ARE CONCERNED WITH BUT ONE CHILD, ONE LITTLE GIRL AND HER STRANGE AND WONDERFUL STORY! COME INSIDE AND MEET LITTLE SUSI...



THIS IS THE ORPHANAGE! THESE ARE THE CHILDREN! THE WOMAN IS MISS HEIDI, A FINE LADY WHO IS IN CHARGE...



THIS IS SUSI,  
ALONE AS  
USUAL, THE  
LONELIEST  
CHILD IN THE  
WORLD! SUSI IS  
BLIND!



# Tales of the MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER

ALL RIGHT, CHILDREN, IT IS TIME TO GO TO BED! HANS AND FRIEDA, REMEMBER YOU MUST RISE EARLY FOR YOU HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AND TOMORROW MORNING YOU GO TO YOUR NEW HOME!

COME, SUSI -- I WILL TAKE YOU TO YOUR ROOM AND TUCK YOU IN!

ALL THE OTHER CHILDREN ARE ADOPTED ONE BY ONE... ALL BUT ME! NOBODY WANTS A LITTLE BLIND GIRL!



ALONE IN THE DARKNESS THAT WAS HER CONSTANT COMPANION, HER ONE GREAT AND HEART-RENDING WISH WAS FOR A PLAYMATE, A COMPANION WHO WOULD LOVE AND UNDERSTAND HER IN HER DARK LONELINESS...

GOODNIGHT, SUSI!

SHE PRETENDED THAT SHE HAD A PLAYMATE THAT NO ONE ELSE COULD SEE, A COMPANION OF HER OWN, THAT LIVED IN THE DARKNESS SHE HAD ALWAYS KNOWN. AND SHE CALLED HIM... GRULLA!

GRULLA! ARE YOU THERE? LET'S PLAY!



THEN ONE NIGHT, A STRANGE THING HAPPENED! SHE CALLED TO HER IMAGINARY PLAYMATE, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME SHE SAW MOVEMENT IN THAT INNER BLACKNESS THAT WAS HER SIGHTLESSNESS...

GRULLA! I... I SEE SOMETHING! IS IT YOU, GRULLA?



# Tales of the MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER

THE SHIMMERING MOVE-  
MENT BEGAN TO TAKE FORM!

IT IS YOU,  
GRULLA! YOU'RE  
NOT GOING TO  
PRETEND ANY-  
MORE, YOU'RE  
GOING TO BE  
REAL!

HELLO, SUSI, I'VE BEEN  
TRYING TO COME TO YOU  
FOR A LONG TIME. NOW  
WE CAN PLAY AND  
HAVE A WONDERFUL  
TIME, JUST YOU  
AND I.

THE VISION WAS AWESOME  
TO BEHOLD. BUT SUSI,  
WHO HAD NEVER SEEN ANY-  
THING BEFORE, SAW ONLY  
THE INNER GOODNESS OF  
THE CREATURE AND TO  
HER, HE WAS...

MY,  
YOU'RE  
HAND-  
SOME!  
WHERE  
DID YOU  
COME  
FROM?

FROM FAR AWAY!  
I WAS TERRIBLY  
LONESOME TOO!  
FOR CENTURIES  
I WANTED TO  
LEAVE! THEN OUR  
LONELINESS  
REACHED ACROSS  
TIME TO EACH  
OTHER AND FORM-  
ED A BRIDGE  
FOR ME TO  
COME TO YOU!



AND THESE TWO WERE VERY HAPPY IN  
THEIR NEW-FOUND COMPANIONSHIP...

MY FRIEND GRULLA IS  
WAITING TO PLAY WITH  
ME! HE'S RIGHT  
THERE!

YES, DEAR, I  
KNOW! NOW YOU  
GO TO SLEEP!

MISS HEIDI DIDN'T  
SEE YOU. DID  
SHE?

OF COURSE NOT!  
ONLY YOU CAN SEE  
ME, SUSI. COME  
ON. LET'S PLAY!



SO THEY LIVED IN A  
HALF-WORLD OF THEIR  
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TODAY  
THREE  
MORE  
CHILDREN  
WERE  
ADOPTED!

WELL, DON'T LOOK  
SO SAD! YOU  
WOULDN'T WANT  
TO BE ADOPTED  
AWAY FROM  
ME, WOULD  
YOU?

THEN THERE CAME A NIGHT  
WHEN THE "VISION" SAID...

SUSI, I'VE GOT TO GO  
AWAY, BUT YOU MUST PRO-  
MISE ME NOT TO BE SAD!  
I'LL COME BACK, AND WHEN  
I DO I'LL HAVE A NICE SUR-  
PRISE FOR YOU. ONE THING  
YOU MUST REMEMBER,  
WHEN I RETURN, NO MATTER  
WHAT FORM I MIGHT TAKE,  
YOU WILL KNOW ME!

NOW DON'T YOU  
WORRY! SOME-  
DAY, AT THE  
PROPER  
TIME, YOU'LL  
BE ADOPTED  
TOO! YOU'LL  
SEE!

OF COURSE  
NOT, GRULLA!  
BUT I FEEL  
SO UNWANTED,  
EXCEPT  
FOR YOU!



TIME PASSED -- BUT GRULLA,  
HER PLAYMATE OF THE  
DARKNESS, DID NOT  
RETURN...

PEOPLE WOULD COME  
AND ADOPT THE CHILD  
OF THEIR CHOICE, BUT  
THEIR CHOICE WAS  
NEVER THE LITTLE  
BLIND GIRL...



HOW NICE FOR YOU,  
HENRIETTA, MR. AND  
MRS. SALENTIR  
ARE TO BE YOUR  
NEW MOTHER AND  
FATHER!

COME, CHILDREN,  
A NICE COUPLE IS  
HERE AND THEY  
WILL ADOPT ONE OF  
YOU LUCKY  
CHILDREN!



# Tales of the MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER

SHE HEARD THE MAN'S VOICE! SOMEHOW IT SEEMED FAMILIAR, AND HER HEART QUICKENED! BUT THEN DESPAIR CAME AS USUAL...

SHE HEARD THEM WHISPERING! HER HEART BEAT FASTER! THEN MISS HEIDI CAME TO HER...

WHAT BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN!

IT WILL BE LIKE ALWAYS! THEY WILL NOT WANT ME!

AND WHAT IS YOUR NAME, S-SUSI! SWEET CHILD?

YOU ARE SUCH A LUCKY GIRL, SUSI! THEY WANT YOU, AND THIS MAN IS A GREAT EYE SURGEON AND HE SAYS HE CAN MAKE YOU SEE JUST AS WELL AS ANY OTHER LITTLE GIRL!



WE...WE'LL BE TOGETHER ALWAYS NOW, WON'T WE, GRULLA... DADDY GRULLA, I MEAN!

YES, ALWAYS, LITTLE SUSI!

WAS SUSI'S VISION ALL IMAGINATION? WAS THE NAME, GRULLA. JUST COINCIDENCE? DID SHE LINK THE TWO BECAUSE SHE SENSED ALL THE VIRTUES IN THIS MAN THAT SHE HAD FOUND IN HER COMPANION OF THE DARKNESS? THESE ARE QUESTIONS MAN CANNOT ANSWER!



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